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Minutes

Board of Building Regulations and Standards Fire Prevention Fire Protection (FPFP) Advisory Committee 50 Maple Street, Milford, MA 01757 – 2nd Floor Conference Room October 14, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call - Call to Order 9:12 pm

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| a. Robert Carasitti Chair (BC) | ✓ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent | g. Chief Gary McCarraher (GM) | <input type="checkbox"/> present | ✓ absent |
| b. Dave LeBlanc V-Chair (DL) | ✓ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent | h. Boston Fire Commissioner | ✓ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| c. Walter Adams (WA) | <input type="checkbox"/> present | ✓ absent | Paul Donga for BFD (PD) | | |
| d. Don Contois (DC) | <input type="checkbox"/> present | ✓ absent | i. State Fire Marshal (or designee) | ✓ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| e. Harold Cutler (HL) | ✓ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent | Jake Nunnemacher for the SFM (JN) | | |
| f. Rob Anderson (RA or designee) | ✓ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent | j. Kurt Ruchala (KR) | <input type="checkbox"/> present | ✓ absent |
| Jeff Putnam (JP) for RA | | | k. Louise Vera (LV) | ✓ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |

General note on format: votes are noted as (Motion by: XX, Second by: XX, Vote: In Favor-Opposed- Abstaining).

The meeting was call to order at 9:15 with 7 of 11 Members present a quorum was achieved.

2. Review and approval of FPFP minutes from September 23, 2015 and September 30, 2015

The September 23, 2015 and September 30, 2015 draft minutes were reviewed and approved with minor modifications to correct member initials and titles.

3. The committee resume discussion on Agenda Item 3 Emergency Responder Radio Coverage section for proposed 9th Edition.

The discussion picked up where the committee left off from the last meeting. The committee began to discuss the “where required” provisions in 2015 IBC and 2015 IEBC. It was identified that under the Prescriptive Method the system is required through the IFC provision. Under the Performance Method there is no specific criteria for the inclusion of such a system where it does not already exist except possibly in cases where a maximum value for a fire alarm system (1401.6.9) is desired (as part of the fire command

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center). Under the Work Area Method the requirements are less clear. The discussion generally agreed that such a system is likely required under a Change of Occupancy or Addition but not the Repair or Alterations. Relocated and Historic Structures were less likely but some guidance should be developed.

The discussion changed to one of the intent for the system performance and the need for the signal to reach the exterior of the building. Again, guidance needs to be developed to allow for uniform application of the provisions. A new NFPA standard has been issued, NFPA 1221, which contains provisions on in building communication systems previously contained in NFPA 72. This document is the next evolution of criteria for these systems and the members were encourage to become familiar with the document.

The topic was table until future meetings.

4. The discussion on common area detection in two family dwellings and audibility criteria was brief with the chair reporting that the BBRS had decided to move forward the FPPF's original recommendation.
5. Approval to adjourn the meeting

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: DL 2nd: PD Vote: 7-0-0

The meeting was closed at approximately 11:00 am.